

DEAR BUGGIES!

WE ARE LOOKING BACK ON AN EXCITING FIRST BUGS-YEAR. IN 2018 GOBUGSGO WAS FOUNDED BY EDGAR HONETSCHLÄGER AND HENNY LIEBHART-ULM AFTER INTENSE PREPARATORY WORK WITH THE LAWYERS OF DLA PIPER VIENNA (CLAUDINE VARTIAN AND TEAM). END OF NOVEMBER WE PRESENTED GBG AT THE KUNSTHALLE VIENNA. IN 2019, WE'VE HAD PRESENTATIONS AT THE UPPER AUSTRIAN LANDESMUSEUM, AT THE MUSEUM OF THE MODERN SALZBURG, AT THE FORUM STADTPARK GRAZ, AT THE CHARIM GALLERY VIENNA, AT THE KUNSTVEREIN EISENSTADT (WITH STUDENTS OF THE LOCAL HIGH-SCHOOL) AND AT THE FRANKFURTER KUNSTVEREIN. LATTER TWO CAN STILL BE SEEN UNTIL MID 2020. MANY THANKS TO THE CURATORS LUCAS GEHRMANN, THORSTEN SADOWSKI, ZWEINTOPF, FRANZISKA NORI, GABRIELE SPINDLER, MIRYAM CHARIM, BARBARA HORVATH AND GERDA HERMINE AIGNER-SILVESTRINI.

THIS YEAR LOTS OF GROUND WORK HAS BEEN DONE. SUPPORTED BY DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS WE SUCCEEDED IN SETTING UP THE ESSENTIAL PILLARS OF THE NPO GOBUGSGO: DAVID WÖSS KEEPS TRACK OF OUR FINANCES (LOT OF WORK GIVEN THE INCREASING NUMBER OF BUGGIES), HENNY LIEBHART-ULM MONITORS THE PROGRESS OF OUR EFFORTS WITH ARGUS' EYES - BOTH WERE PRESENT AT EVERY EVENT AND KEEP ON BRINGING IN NEW IDEAS. JUST LIKE JOHANN LEITNER, WITHOUT WHOSE HELP IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SET UP SO MANY EVENTS. THE LEPORELLO WAS DESIGNED BY SONJA WILFING AND THE C-PRINTS FOR THE DRAWINGS IN EDITION CAME FROM PETER KURZ/CYBERLAB. FIONA LIEWEHR WROTE A BEAUTIFUL TEXT, THE ARCHITECTS FROM THE NEXT ENTERPRISE (ERNST J. FUCHS & MARIE-THERESE HARNONCOURT) WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR EXHIBITION DESIGN. THE LIST OF THOSE WHO HELPED TO CREATE 1,500 'ART N 'NATURE PACKAGES' IS LONG - WE'LL NAME CAROLINE BÖHM AND HER FAMILY REPRESENTING ALL OTHER BEAUTIFUL HELPERS. MANY THANKS ALSO TO ALL BUGGIES WHO SUPPORTED AND HELPED AT THE LIVE EVENTS. BRILLIANT KLEMENS ORTMAYER BECAME OUR PHOTOGRAPHER. MARKUS KROTTENHAMMER SET UP THE PAYMENT SYSTEM ON THE INTERNET AND IS CONSTANTLY LOOKING AFTER IT WITH HIS TEAM, REGI LEIBTSEDER-LÖW TAKES CARE OF OUR WEBSITE, WHICH WAS CREATED IN COLLABORATION WITH THOMAS WOSCHITZ, DOMINIK HRUZA AND ANDREA RENDL-PITREY. SONJA DORMANN TRANSLATED FROM ENGLISH TO GERMAN, VALENTINA WÖSS TO RUSSIAN, GIUSEPPE DELMESTRI TO ITALIAN, DOMINIQUE BINOUX-ANGELI TO FRENCH. THE BIOLOGIST PETER IWANIEWICZ LENT US HIS CREDIBILITY AT MANY EVENTS WITH EXPERTISE, ADVICE AND HUMOR, AS DID BIOLOGIST FRITZ GUSENLEITER AND BIOLOGIST DOMINIQUE ZIMMERMANN. THE ECOLOGIST EVA SCHWEIGER HELPED US A LOT ON THE THEORETICAL SIDE. THE WONDERFUL NOTARY'S OFFICE, WOLFGANG SCHUSTER FROM LINZ, TAKES CARE OF ALL THE TASKS RELATED TO LAND PURCHASE, SUSANNE PENZ AND JÜRGEN BERNHARD BECAME OUR CONTROLLERS. THE ERSTE BANK PROVIDED US WITH A FREE ACCOUNT - THANKS TO STEFANO MASSERA AND SONJA HERZOG.

THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE SOMETIMES SEEMS INEXHAUSTIBLE AND YET EVERYONE HELPS ON A PRO BONO BASIS FOR WHICH THE BUGS ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL AND WILL HOPEFULLY MAKE THEM BUZZ ACCORDINGLY IN THE UPCOMING SPRING.

AND, OF COURSE, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BECOME PART OF THE MOVEMENT!

ON DEC 10TH THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE A-BUGGIES = ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE 'GOBUGSGO, ASSOCIATION FOR THE LIBERATION OF NATURE, SET NATURE FREE' TOOK PLACE. THE MANAGING BOARD WAS RELEASED AND WE RECEIVED LOTS OF SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE COULD IMPROVE OUR WORK.

A YEAR IN THE 'BUGS AND BIRDS' CAN CALL TWO PATCHES OF LAND THEIR OWN. HOWEVER, OUR ACTIVITIES REACHED WAY BEYOND THIS COMMITMENT. RECURRING PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA, THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN BY ITSELF AND WE WANT TO USE THIS OCCASION TO THANK ALL JOURNALISTS WHO ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE BUGS. THE GOBUGSGO ONLINE VIDEO COMPETITION WAS INITIATED, A GOBUGSGO WINE WAS CREATED IN COOPERATION WITH THE WINERY HEINRICH, IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR A GOBUGSGO ADVENT CALENDAR WENT ONLINE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD. WE ARE PLANNING A COUP FOR EARLY 2020 THAT YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT SOON.

THE HARDEST THING FOR US IS TRACKING DOWN PROPERTIES THAT WE CAN AFFORD AND ALSO BUY. AS EXPECTED, MANY COMMUNITIES OPPOSE US: 'FARMER'S LAND REMAINS IN FARMER'S HANDS!' APART FROM THAT, SCOUTING LAND PROVED TO BE VERY HARD. JUST TO FIND OUT WHETHER A PURCHASE MAKES SENSE AND CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IS VERY TIME-CONSUMING. WE ARE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE. LAWYERS AND BUG-LAND-SCOUTS PLEASE CONTACT US!

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT GOBUGSGO IS NOT ABOUT SUPPORTING AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN INSTITUTION, BUT SIMPLY ABOUT US. WITHOUT INSECTS, US HUMANS WILL SOON CEASE TO EXIST. THOUSANDS OF SCIENTISTS HAVE JUST RAISED ALARM ABOUT THE EXTINCTION OF MORE AND MORE SPECIES. THE ISSUE IS URGENT, THE HOUR OF ACTION HAS COME. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU BUGGIES FOR ANY HELP GRANTED, FOR SUGGESTIONS, BUT ALSO FOR FURTHER DONATIONS, IN ORDER TO BEING ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE OVERBEARING TASKS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP. ONLY TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE SOMETHING.

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WE WISH YOU A RELAXED END OF THE YEAR AND KEEP ON SUPPORTING THE BUGS !!!